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1. a. Camp Pole was vacated between 30 November and 3 December 1949.

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b. The Soviet quarters of Klosterbergergraben on Schoenebeckerstrasse were vacated in late November 1949.

c. Officers with luggage were driven from the restricted area on Westendstrasse to the Encke Kaserne on 28 December 1949:

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d. Apartments on Freiherr von Steinstrasse and Herderstrasse which had been occupied by kommandatura personnel, were vacated in late December 1949. Dependents were entrained at the Friedrichstadt Railroad Station, allegedly for Brest Litovsk. The vacated apartments were placed at the disposal of the German authorities. (3)

e. The AT or AA gun emplacements at the Strombruecke near the Citadel were abandoned. Hubble and debris were dumped at the former gun emplacements in early January 1950.

f. Col Korobenikov was identified as chief of the Control Commission, replacing the previous CIA officer. (4)

g. Shipments with Soviet dependents with luggage and furniture were continually observed to leave the Friedrichstadt

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railroad station for the Soviet Union. A transit camp for dependents to be repatriated was located in the restricted area of Kaelberwald.

2. a. The former Flak Kaserne, Iprester, was occupied by about 500 troops on 19 January 1950. Thirty troops, led by an officer, marched from the former engineer training field to the kaserne. The officer wore artillery insignia the red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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b. Kasernes on Turnstrasse: Occupied by about 400 troops.

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c. A Soviet hospital was in the Anger Kaserne on the southern side of Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse.

d. The Herrenkrug Kaserne on the northern side of Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse was occupied to capacity. [REDACTED]

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(1) Reported to still be occupied by a unit with black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets on 10 December 1949. [REDACTED]

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(2) The restricted area on Westendstrasse was occupied by a guards signal unit of about 100 men, probably a component unit of the 105th Sig Regt/Third Shock Army, in August 1949. Elements of the Hq Third Shock Army are stationed in the Encke Kaserne.

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(3) The vacating of apartments was presumably connected with the reorganization of SMA offices into SOC offices (reduction or dissolution of offices?)

(4) Col Korobenikov is not known.

(5) Whereas 1,000 to 1,500 troops were reported to be in the kaserne in August 1949 (C), only 500 troops were observed to return to the kaserne from maneuvers in early September 1949 (B). It is still unknown whether Headquarters units (AAA units?) of the Third Shock Army or component units of the 207th Artillery Rifle Div are stationed in the kaserne.

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